CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, INC.

Report on 2002 Program Activities

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I. 2002 BASIC CGBD FACTS

The Consultative Group on Biological Diversity, Inc. (CGBD) was established in August of 1987. In December of 1987, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and the State of New York granted the CGBD provisional tax-free status, under section 501(c)(3), as a publicly supported organization. The designation was temporary until 1992 when the CGBD received permanent status under section 501(c)(3).

At the close of 2002, the CGBD membership was composed of 48 organizations: 47 foundations and the US Agency for International Development. Its budget for the year was $470,220.

The CGBD is housed in the Thoreau Center for Sustainability located in the Presidio of San Francisco. At the beginning of 2002, the CGBD staff consisted of three full-time employees: Lynn Lohr, Executive Director; William Hull, Program Officer; and Alicia Ushijima, Program Associate, and one part-time employee: MiHi Ahn, Administrative Assistant.

The CGBD sponsors and acts as fiscal agent for the Health and Environmental Funders Network (HEFN), a mostly virtual network of more than 170 foundation professionals interested in the nexus of health and the environment. Kathy Sessions coordinates the project.

The CGBD is funded by program grants from its members; it is not a grantmaking organization. A Board of Directors serves as the governing body. The Board of Directors is composed of representatives from nine member foundations. The Directors, officers and their affiliations are listed in the appendices.

II. GOALS AND PROGRAM FOCUS

Vision, Mission, Goals

The Vision of the CGBD is the conservation and restoration of biological diversity on earth.

With E.O. Wilson, we define biodiversity as "all the variety of life on Earth...the variety of ecosystems, the variety of species...and the variety of genes among the individuals of a species..."

The Mission of the CGBD is to support foundations in their efforts to conserve and restore biological diversity in order to safeguard and improve global environmental health.

The Goals of the CGBD are:

- To create partnerships among funders, scientists, NGOs and policymakers to address strategically the challenges of accelerating threats to global biodiversity.
- To increase the strategic impact of grantmaking by connecting member foundations with significant grantmaking opportunities and with respected scientific resources.
- To increase financial resources devoted to conserving biological diversity.
- To identify needs, emerging issues, strategic opportunities, and alliances for biodiversity conservation.
- To broaden the public constituencies working to protect biological diversity with emphasis on leaders and policymakers.

The Consultative Group on Biological Diversity (CGBD) completed its fifteenth year of operation in 2002. A manageably sized, highly involved membership enabled the CGBD to move quickly to respond to funder interests. CGBD working groups and related activities continued to foster collaborative relationships among funders to conserve and restore biodiversity.

Among other achievements, CGBD leadership contributed to these developments in 2002:

- The impact of climate change on biodiversity was explored at CGBD meetings in 2001 and by early 2002 a new working group on Climate and Energy was up and running in response to member interest. The Climate and Energy Working Group, formed at the request of 20 CGBD members, launched in 2002 with a major three-day briefing at Airlie House in Virginia that drew more than 30 funders studying with NGO partners the gamut of climate change issues from international to state and local. The Working Group continued to grow throughout the year, attracting new members through its conference calls and sessions at other funder meetings. A sub-group of funders interested primarily in state and local global warming issues was also formed and connections were made with the network of clean energy funds.

- The 2002 annual meeting in Field, British Columbia, used a new format to involve funders in peer dialogue about the interrelationships of global warming, energy extraction, and large landscape conservation. In response to the issues raised at the meeting, a number of CGBD members have initiated or expanded their funding to include the threats to biodiversity caused by global warming.

- A major consultancy conducted for the CGBD by Foundations of Success (FOS) surveyed the membership as to their monitoring and evaluation practices and made available case studies and resources for members seeking to improve the effectiveness of their conservation investments. Continued work on monitoring and evaluation practices was mandated by the CGBD Board of Directors including an evaluation track at each annual meeting.

- Meetings and calls convened by the Marine Working Group raised funder participation in marine mammal conservation issues and also increased funder involvement in a suite of marine projects along the coasts of Baja California.

- Concerted and collaborative efforts by the Forest Working Group's sub-group on sustainable forestry led to new stability for the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-International with relocation to Bonn, Germany under a dynamic new Executive Director, the establishment of a global fund to support FSC-International, and the authorization of new positions to begin sustainable forestry work in Asia and Africa.

- The Forest Working Groups sub-group on public lands united in various campaigns that throughout 2002 continued to protect U.S. Forest Service roadless areas and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

- The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, a protocol to eventually phase out globally a "dirty dozen" of pollutants of great danger to ecosystem health, moved closer to going into force, as more nations ratified. The International POPs Elimination Network that works to ensure ratification has been a focus of members of the Biodiversity and Environmental Health Working Group.

III. WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

Forest Working Group

The *sustainable forestry/certification* sub-group met in New York City in January 2002. The group continued to support sustainable forestry and certification worldwide, with an emphasis on the work of the Forest Stewardship Council, SmartWood, and the Certified Forest Products Council, among others. The group held its eighth annual summer meeting on July 15-17, 2002 at Wingspread, the conference facility operated by the Johnson Foundation in Racine, Wisconsin, and among other themes, explored the threats posed by illegal logging to global biodiversity hotspots.

In December 2001, the *private forest* sub-group hosted a funder briefing on "Sustainable Forests and Sustainable Communities." The briefing provided funders with an overview of key issues in biodiversity conservation in the Southeast U.S. and discussed the role of sustainable forestry in preserving the region's biodiversity and rural communities.

As 2002 drew to a close, the *private forest* sub-group worked together planning a follow-up meeting on sustainable forestry and community economic development in the Southeast. The meeting was held the first week of April 2003 and also included sessions of interest to sustainable forestry funders with worldwide, Canadian or U.S. interests.

Throughout 2002, the *public forests* sub-group monitored developments in federal land and resource management policy. Sub-group members participated in conference calls in support of various collaborative campaigns. Issues of concern included potential oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, details in the development of a national energy policy, and the implementation of the U.S. Forest Service roadless areas policy.

In December 2002, the *public forests* sub-group convened a Washington, DC briefing with forty funders in attendance on the challenges facing public lands conservation.

Marine Working Group

Through active collaboration, working group members continue to have a substantial impact on efforts to reform the U.S. fishery management system. Members have worked closely with a large number of conservation organizations and fishermen to develop a powerful network of organizations and collaborative projects. These organizations and projects are actively participating in decision making before the eight regional fishery management councils and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Funders have also helped establish a national information clearinghouse and coordination mechanism for the regional efforts through the Marine Fish Conservation Network in Washington, DC.

The Marine Working Group has held discussions among funders regarding strategies to eliminate or improve the practice of salmon and shrimp aquaculture, including focusing research on the human health effects of farmed salmon. The CGBD worked with funders supporting the farmed salmon markets campaign in British Columbia, a potential model for other markets-based campaigns against salmon and shrimp aquaculture in the U.S. and worldwide.

Along with SeaWeb, the CGBD has coordinated funder interest in the establishment of fully protected marine wilderness, particularly in New England and along the Pacific Coast.

The Marine Working Group convened its annual winter meeting in San Francisco in February 2002. Prior to the meeting, members completed a survey describing their marine conservation grantmaking programs. The meeting began with presentations on the challenges to worldwide marine mammal protection, but the

majority of the agenda was dominated by funder-to-funder strategic discussions. Topics of primary focus for active collaboration include: reform of the U.S. fishery management regime; establishment of global marine protected areas; shrimp and salmon aquaculture; and harnessing the power of the consumer seafood market to promote conservation.

The *marine mammal* sub-group hosted a meeting on marine mammal conservation July 17-19, 2002 in Cape Cod. The meeting helped deepen funder alliances and examine effective ways to improve collaboration. The program gave funders an opportunity to learn more about each other's projects and interests and defined a collective mission and vision. Presentations were made by a variety of experts in marine mammal research and conservation.

The Marine Working Group decided to hold its 2003 meeting in a non-U.S. location. In September, 2002, a planning committee starting drawing up an ambitious agenda for the working group's gathering in Baja California in March 2003---covering eco-tourism, marine reserves, sustainable fisheries, marine mammals, coral reefs, and a variety of other topics.

The Marine Working Group recently added representatives from the Helaine Heilbrunn Lerner Fund, Sapelo Foundation, San Diego Foundation, Hawai'i Community Foundation, Pegasus Foundation, Wendy P. McCaw Foundation, Sloan Foundation, Marine Ventures Foundation, and Timothy Dattels and Kristine Johnson Foundation.

Biodiversity and Environmental Health Working Group

In April 17-18, 2001, "Ecological Health: A New Perspective," brought more than 60 funders together with scientists and NGO leaders on subjects including climate change, toxification, and pathogen pollution.

As a follow-up, a quarterly, on-line newsletter "Nature is Health," was inaugurated in late 2001 to keep ecological health funders connected. Commissioned articles in 2002 included: "Thinking Like a River: Ecological Health and the Hudson," "Ecological Resources for Funders," and "A Funder's Perspective from New England."

In the fall of 1999 as an outgrowth of this working group, HEFN was formed. By 2002, more than 170 funder "partners" have signed on to investigate issues of common interest in the intersection of health and the environment. CGBD sponsors the semi-autonomous HEFN.

Several of HEFN's monthly conference calls in 2002 were done as joint calls with other funder groups, including calls on the Johannesburg Summit 2002 and a call on the healthy schools movement with the Funders Forum on Environmental Education. HEFN and several environmental justice funders jointly supported conversations on environment, health and justice at the 20th annual meeting of Grantmakers in Health. HEFN helped organize more regular communications among coordinators of several funder groups, to support information sharing and collaboration within the grantmaking community. HEFN, in turn, has gone on to sponsor two other working groups, one on antibiotic resistance, and one centered on toxic chemicals.

A new paper was commissioned by HEFN. "Ecological Health: An Introduction for Funders," articulated the rationale and opportunities for more cross-sectoral grantmaking.

Climate and Energy Working Group

In response to a request from members representing 20 foundations, the CGBD Board authorized the formation of a new Climate and Energy Working Group, which was formed in December 2001. The group has as its mission, "To strengthen climate change and energy grantmaking and provide a vehicle for information sharing, dialogue, strategy development and collaboration among funders."

The Climate and Energy Working Group, 37 funders in attendance, met April 16-18, 2002 at the Airlie Center in Virginia. This was the first formal retreat for the group under the auspices of the CGBD. The Virginia meeting began a series of activities for funders seeking solutions to the critical threat to biodiversity posed by the growing carbon blanket wrapping the globe.

Funders and resource persons examined the political, economic, social, and technological challenges to a transition from a carbon economy. The group discussed international to city level strategies and ways to knit together successful initiatives. One of the goals of the group is to bring new funders to this issue. The program committee showed progress towards this goal and welcomed a number of new foundation faces to the table. The group has held themed conference calls on how export credit agencies affect global warming, private investment flows and global warming, and shareholder and corporate campaigns.

A report to funders on transportation reform and climate change was commissioned with the Funders Network on Smart Growth and Livable Communities. "Climate Matters" was released in early 2003.

IV. OTHER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Monitoring and Evaluation Consultancy

In early 2002, a member committee selected Foundations of Success (FOS) to survey and catalogue monitoring and evaluation processes currently in use within the CGBD membership. Three case studies were developed and a report on current monitoring and evaluation practices within the CGBD was made available to all members. A special session detailing the findings was included at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Field, British Columbia.

World Summit on Sustainable Development Updates

As 2001 drew to a close, the CGBD began a series of conference calls on the World Summit on Sustainable Development and commissioned a consultant's report on potential funder activity designed to positively impact the Johannesburg meeting. The report was distributed to interested CGBD members.

2002 CGBD Annual Meeting

The CGBD Annual Meeting was located in Canada's Yoho National Park in Field, British Columbia, June 18-21. Sessions included a keynote address by David Suzuki, the experience and synthesis of climate change issues in Canada by David Schindler of the University of Alberta, the breadth of Environics International's international poll-taking by Doug Miller, and time to work together with colleagues in small group and large group settings. Another highly participatory session featured early results from the Monitoring and Evaluation consultancy conducted by FOS, Nick Salafsky and Richard Margolius, principals. The 2002 schedule allowed, perhaps for the first time in CGBD history, for more unstructured and highly valued, informal discussion with peers.

Foundation Finances Survey

In December 2002, the CGBD released internally a survey of change in member foundation finances over the past year and a collection of coping strategies for both grantees and funders.

Newsletter and Monthly Updates

"Biodiversity," mailed quarterly to almost 500 foundation, government, academic and NGO readers, had as its 2002 cover stories, "Grazing Permit Buyout Program Stems Threat to Biodiversity," "Poll Finds Strong Support for Biodiversity Conservation," "Suzuki Shares Vision…" and "Alliance Formed to Conserve Pollinators." Working group and member news was also disseminated through the newsletter. A monthly email update kept members up to date on the organization and their colleagues.

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MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Jenifer Altman Foundation
Brainerd Foundation
Bullitt Foundation
Compton Foundation
Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust
Nathan Cummings Foundation
Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
Endswell Foundation
Environment Now
Flintridge Foundation
Ford Foundation
Foundation for Deep Ecology
The George Gund Foundation
Harder Foundation
Vira I. Heinz Endowment
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation[1]
Homeland Foundation
Richard Ivey Foundation
V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation
J.M. Kaplan Fund
Henry P. Kendall Foundation
Lazar Foundation
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Merck Family Fund
John Merck Fund
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
Moriah Fund
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation
Oak Foundation
David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Pew Charitable Trusts
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
Rockefeller Foundation
Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors
Sacharuna Foundation
Summit Foundation
Surdna Foundation
Tides Foundation
Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation
Turner Foundation
U.S. Agency for International Development
Wallace Global Foundation
Weeden Foundation
Wilburforce Foundation
Winslow Foundation
Wyss Foundation[2]

[1] William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Joined May 2002
[2] Wyss Foundation, Joined July 2002

December 2002

CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

2002 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(see footnotes below for term limits)

Herbert Bedolfe[1]	*Homeland Foundation*
Melissa Dann[2]	*Wallace Global Fund*
Lois DeBacker[3]	*Charles Stewart Mott Foundation*
Leslie Harroun[4]	*Oak Foundation*
Peter Howell[5]	*Doris Duke Charitable Foundation*
Michael Lerner[6]	*Jenifer Altman Foundation*
Jeanne Sedgwick[7]	*David & Lucile Packard Foundation*
Camilla Seth[8]	*Surdna Foundation*
James Sheldon[9]	*Weeden Foundation*
Kathleen Welch[10]	*Pew Charitable Trusts*

2002 OFFICERS

Michael Lerner	*PRESIDENT*
Lois DeBacker	*VICE PRESIDENT*
Herbert Bedolfe	*TREASURER*
James Sheldon	*SECRETARY and TREASURER*

2002 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 26, 2002	Golden Gate Club, San Francisco, CA
June 21, 2002	Emerald Lake Lodge, Field, British Columbia
October 31, 2002	Board Meeting by Conference Call

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[1] Elected to Board June 1996, served as Secretary June 1996 - June 1997, elected Treasurer June 1997, elected to second term June 1998, elected to third term June 2000

[2] Appointed to fill vacancy and then elected to Board June 2001

[3] Elected to Board June 1997, elected Vice President June 1997, elected to second term June 1999, elected to third term June 2001

[4] Elected to Board June 2001, Elected Secretary June 2002

[5] Elected to Board June 2000, elected to second term June 2002

[6] Elected to Board June 1997, elected to second term June 1999, elected President June 2000, elected to third term June 2001

[7] Elected to Board June 1999, elected to second term June 2001

[8] Appointed to fill vacancy and then elected to Board June 2001

[9] Elected to Board June 1999, elected to second term June 2001, Elected Secretary February 2001, Elected Treasurer June 2002

[10] Elected to Board June 2002

2002 CGBD SECRETARIAT

Lynn Lohr	*Executive Director*
William Hull	*Program Officer*
Alicia Ushijima	*Program Associate*
MiHi Ahn	*Administrative Assistant*
Kathy Sessions	*Climate and Energy Coordinator*

2002 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDERS NETWORK STAFF

Kathy Sessions	*Coordinator*

CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2002 ACTIVITIES

January 2002

Nature is Health Newsletter (publication)	January 1
Forest Working Group: Sustainable Forest (conference call)	January 4
Monitoring and Evaluation (conference call)	January 7
Climate and Energy Task Force (conference call)	January 8
Marine Working Group: Marine Mammal Funders (conference call)	January 8
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	January 10
Sustainable Forest/Certification Briefing (New York, NY)	January 14-15
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	January 15
CGBD/HEFN – World Summit on Sustainable Development (conference call)	January 17
Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (conference call)	January 17
Climate and Energy Task Force (conference call)	January 22
Climate and Energy Program Committee (conference call)	January 23
Climate and Energy Steering Committee (conference call)	January 24
Marine Working Group: Marine Mammal Funders (conference call)	January 25
Marine Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	January 25

February 2002

Biodiversity (publication)	February 1
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	February 5
Climate and Energy Program Committee (conference call)	February 7
Marine Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	February 14
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	February 14
Climate and Energy Working Group Committee (conference call)	February 19
Health and Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	February 20
CGBD/ HEFN – World Summit on Sustainable Development (conference call)	February 20
Marine Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	February 21
Membership Committee (conference call)	February 21
Marine Working Group Meeting (San Francisco, CA)	February 25-26
CGBD Board of Directors Meeting (San Francisco, CA)	February 26

March 2002

Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (conference call)	March 5
Marine Working Group: Marine Mammal Planning Committee (conference call)	March 12
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	March 13
Forest Working Group: Southeast Funders (conference call)	March 13
Marine Working Group: Marine Mammal Planning Committee (conference call)	March 27
Climate and Energy Planning Committee (conference call)	March 27
Health and Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	March 28

April 2002

Nature is Health Newsletter (publication)	April 1
Board of Directors (conference call)	April 8
CGBD/HEFN/FNTG– World Summit on Sustainable Development (conference call)	April 10
Marine Working Group: Marine Mammal Planning Committee (conference call)	April 10
Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (conference call)	April 11
Marine Working Group (conference call)	April 12
Climate and Energy Funders Briefing (Warrenton, VA)	April 16-18
Health and Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	April 25

May 2002

Biodiversity (publication)	May 1
Marine Working Group: Marine Mammal Planning Committee (conference call)	May 1
Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (conference call)	May 3
CGBD Membership Committee (conference call)	May 3
Marine Working Group: Marine Mammal Planning Committee (conference call)	May 6
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	May 10
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	May 14
Forest Working Group: Sustainable Forestry Planning Committee (conference call)	May 14
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	May 14
Marine Working Group (conference call)	May 16
Health and Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	May 23
Forest Working Group: Sustainable Forestry Planning Committee (conference call)	May 28

June 2002

Climate and Energy Working Group (conference call)	June 10
Annual Meeting Planning Committee (conference call)	June 11
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	June 13
CGBD 2002 Annual Meeting (Field, British Columbia)	June 18 – 21
CGBD Board of Directors Meeting (Field, British Columbia)	June 21
Climate and Energy Working Group (conference call)	June 25
Marine Working Group: Marine Mammal Planning Committee (conference call)	June 27
Health and Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	June 27

July 2002

Climate and Energy Steering Committee (conference call)	July 5
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	July 11
Sustainable Forest/Certification Briefing (Racine, WI)	July 15 – 17
Marine Mammal Funders Briefing (Cape Cod, MA)	July 17 – 19

August 2002

Biodiversity (publication)	August 1
European Chemicals Policy and Science (conference call)	August 28
CGBD Board Leadership (conference call)	August 30

September 2002

Climate and Energy Steering Committee (conference call)	September 5
Climate and Energy Ad-hoc (Asheville, NC)	September 10
Health and Environmental Funders Network Ad-hoc (Asheville, NC)	September 11
Health and Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	September 20
Marine Working Group (conference call)	September 24
Emerald Lake Ad-hoc (conference call)	September 30

October 2002

European Chemicals Policy and Science (conference call)	October 1
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	October 3
Forest Working Group: Southeast Funders (conference call)	October 8
Marine Working Group: Baja Planning Committee (conference call)	October 9
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	October 9

Climate and Energy Working Group: Climate Litigation (conference call)	October 10
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	October 15
Climate and Energy Working Group: Clean Energy Funds (conference call)	October 15
Marine Working Group: Baja Planning Committee (conference call)	October 18
Forest Working Group: Sustainable Forestry Planning Committee (conference call)	October 21
Health and Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	October 22
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	October 24
Emerald Lake Ad-hoc (conference call)	October 29
Forest Working Group: Public Forest - Roadless (conference call)	October 29
Forest Working Group: Public Lands (conference call)	October 29
Climate and Energy Working Group: Clean Energy Funds (conference call)	October 29
European Chemicals Policy and Science (conference call)	October 30
Climate and Energy Working Group: State & Local Sub-Group (conference call)	October 30
Marine Working Group: Baja Planning Committee (conference call)	October 31
Marine Working Group (conference call)	October 31
CGBD Board of Directors Meeting (via conference call)	October 31

November 2002

Biodiversity (publication)	November 1
Forest Working Group: Public Lands (conference call)	November 5
Nature is Health Newsletter (publication)	November 6
Marine Working Group: Baja Planning Committee (conference call)	November 6
Climate and Energy Working Group: Clean Energy Funds (conference call)	November 7
Climate and Energy Working Group: Consumption (conference call)	November 12
Marine Working Group: Baja Planning Committee (conference call)	November 13
Forest Working Group: Public Lands (conference call)	November 14
Climate and Energy Working Group: Mapping (conference call)	November 18
Forest Working Group: Southeast Funders (conference call)	November 19
Marine Working Group: Baja Planning Committee (conference call)	November 21
Health and Environmental Funders Network (conference call)	November 21
European Chemicals Policy and Science (conference call)	November 25
Forest Working Group: Public Lands (conference call)	November 25

December 2002

Emerald Lake Ad-hoc (conference call)	December 4
Public Lands Briefing (Washington, DC)	December 5-6
Emerald Lake Ad-hoc (conference call)	December 9
Climate and Energy Steering Committee (conference call)	December 11
Ecosystem Indicators (conference call)	December 11
Forest Working Group: Southeast Funders (conference call)	December 17
Emerald Lake Ad-hoc: Scenario Planning (conference call)	December 17
Marine Working Group (conference call)	December 18
Climate and Energy Steering Committee (conference call)	December 23